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No shirt needed: Justin Trudeau chest can't help getting the international media's attention. **Canada**

POLICE

Officer faces new charge

A Toronto cop accused of negligence causing death in a man's suicide at High Park last winter was hit with a new charge on Thursday.

Const. Kyle Upjohn, 33, was charged with breach of trust in connection to a man's death at the west end park on Feb. 2.

He was previously charged by Ontario's police watchdog in June with criminal negligence causing death and failing to provide the necessaries of life.

Upjohn did not attend court in downtown Toronto on Thursday to hear the new charge. He was represented by Daniel Lee, who stood in for Upjohn's lawyer as a designate.

Lee declined to comment about the case as he left the courthouse.

In a statement Thursday, the Special Investigations Unit announced the third charge but did not explain why it was laid later than the first two. The SIU did not immediately respond to questions from Torstar News Service. At the time of the original charges in June, the SIU said Toronto police were contacted around 2 p.m. on Feb. 2, regarding a suicide attempt by a 19-year-old man at High Park. By 3:30 p.m., the SIU wrote, the 19-year-old was pronounced dead.

Alexandre Boucher is identified as the deceased in court documents detailing Upjohn's charges. Boucher's family has declined to speak publicly about his death.

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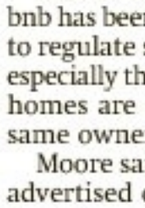
No idea who's next door

COMMUNITIES

Coalition wants city to regulate short-term rentals



May Warren
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Residents of a Cabbagetown neighbourhood say they're besieged by short-term rentals and are demanding the city take action.

Shaun Moore, who has lived on Bleecker Street for almost 15 years, said five Victorian row houses are being rented exclusively on short-term rental sites, causing neighbours continuing headaches over parking, garbage, and rowdy weekend parties.

"We basically have no neighbours anymore, the sense of community has dissolved," he said.

"It leaves just these gaps, these dead zones. We have no idea who's next door from day to day."

It's not the first complaint about so-called "ghost hotels" in Toronto.

A new coalition named Fairbnb has been calling on the city to regulate short term-rentals, especially those where multiple homes are rented out by the same owners.

Moore said the homes were advertised on Airbnb but the listings were taken down after multiple complaints. At least one is currently listed on another short-term stay site.

Brian Kellow is upset that "ghost hotels" are operating in his residential neighbourhood on Bleecker Street. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

The owners of the five properties did not immediately respond to requests for comment from Metro News. Airbnb also did not respond to a request for comment.

Moore's neighbour, Brian Kellow, said residents have complained to both the local councillor and the city, but nothing has changed.

He's concerned ghost hotels take housing off the market and operate without the parking, security or taxes actual hotels have.

"It's beyond me why our city council has chosen not to take it seriously," he said.

City spokesperson Tammy Robbinson said staff investigated complaints for zoning and noise at two of the properties but did not find any violations. There is another ongoing complaint related to zoning, she said.

Robinson did note staff will be reporting to council in 2017 on the possibility of amending zoning bylaws to account for "temporary accommodation rental."

> It leaves just these gaps, these dead zones.
> Shaun Moore

Coun. Pam McConnell told Metro the city must strike a regulatory balance that prevents what are essentially hotels from operating in residential areas while still preserving the right of property owners to rent out their homes for brief periods.

"It is terribly important that the city put in place a regulatory regime to dictate how short-term rentals can be accommodated without destabilizing neighborhoods," she said..

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Brazilian-Canadians split on games

RIO2016

Having their home country host event divides ex-pats

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A peek inside Future Arena at the Olympic Park in Rio de Janeiro. Athletes are expected to begin official competition Friday. AFP PHOTO

Brazilian ex-pat Arilde De Oliveira can't wait to watch the world's best athletes take to the field this Friday — especially because the field is on her home turf.

"I am a very happy and proud Brazilian right now," said the Toronto resident. "I don't care what people say or think. When the games are being held in your home country, it is a big privilege."

De Oliveira managed to snag a $1,800 ticket ahead of time to take in some of the action with her cousins in Rio de Janeiro. Now people are paying as much as $3,000 for the privilege.

Despite concerns about health, safety and the overall organization of the Games, De Oliveira believes the thousands of fans and athletes headed to Rio won't be disappointed. Brazil has a lot to offer, she said, including beautiful landscapes, Samba music and some of the world's loudest and proudest soccer fans.

"Brazil is in the middle of this turmoil, but everybody has a shoe that doesn't fit," she said. "All you can do is keep trying to make things better, and sports is a good way to do that."

> **I am a very happy and proud Brazilian right now.**
> Arilde De Oliveira

As for who to cheer for, De Oliveira said she and other Brazilian-Canadians are lucky to have two strong countries in the tournament.

"Whichever gets the most medals, it's a win-win situation," she said.

Not everyone in De Oliveira's situation feels the Games will be a boon to Brazil.

Whether it's complaints about how much the country is spending on the Olympics — as opposed to other infrastructure or social programs — or coverage of polluted water and athletes being shaken down by police, some ex-pats Metro spoke with are concerned Brazil isn't putting its best face on display.

"For us Brazilians, it has been an embarrassing moment worldwide," said 32-year-old Luis Alexandre Ferenc.

Arilda De Oliveira at BrazilFest in Toronto. CONTRIBUTED

RIO2016

When the Rio 2016 opening ceremonies start at 7 p.m. Friday, the Toronto sign in Nathan Philips Square will be lit up in Olympic colours to celebrate. Unlike other sporting events, there won't be viewing parties outside City Hall, but there are a few places in town where you can display your Olympic pride in public.

1. The CBC Broadcasting Centre (250 Front St. West): The viewing party gets started at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Team Canada canoe and kayak stars Adam van Koeverden, K.C. Fraser and Genny Orton will be on hand to meet and greet fans.

2. CIBC Commerce Court (25 King St. West): The lobby of the Great West Life building will be screening all the action from the 2016 Rio Olympics, starting with the opening ceremonies Friday at 6 p.m. and going all the way until Aug. 21.

RIOKeeping track of Toronto's athletes

A host of athletes from Toronto and the GTA are competing in Rio, vying for a spot on the podium and a chance at Olympic glory.

Metro will keep you posted about when you can catch our talented local athletes in action.

WHO: Crispin Duenas
WHAT: Archery
WHEN: Preliminary archery competition begins Friday at 8 a.m. EST. The elimination rounds start Saturday at 8 a.m. The 30-year-old Duenas hails from Scarborough and is ranked 20th worldwide in archery, and has represented Canada at both the London and Beijing Games.

Crispin Duenas is one to watch in archery. He's ranked 20th worldwide in the sport. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The accomplished sportsman is a physics teacher by day.

WHO: Javier Acevedo, Kennedy Giss, Brittany MacLean, Martha McCabe, Penny Oleksiak and Michelle Williams
WHAT: Swimming
WHEN: Swimming heats start Saturday at noon, with the finals for many events scheduled for Sunday.

Penny Oleksiak. TORSTAR

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City eyes 'larger vision' for downtown park

GREEN SPACE

That big idea just became even bigger

A 21-acre park proposed over the railway lands downtown may just be the beginning.

After the city pitched to build a massive new public space from Bathurst Street to Blue Jays Way by decking over the rail corridor, Torstar News Service has learned there are talks underway that could see that plan extended to Simcoe Street., just west of Union Station — creating a continuous block of more than 30 acres, what would be one of the largest rail decks in the world.

The Oxford Properties Group — which owns the Metro Toronto Convention Centre and much of the prime real estate along Front St. from Blue Jays Way to Simcoe — once made a pitch to deck over the adjacent 11-acre stretch of the rail corridor, a project that would have included a 5.5-acre park.

A "Sky Park," part of the design of two linked developments known as Bay Park Centre. ARTIST RENDERING (WILKINSON EYRE)

That proposal hinged on a controversial casino which council killed in 2013; with it, the dream of the deck and park also appeared dead.

But the city's intentions to build its own public park on a deck to the west of that block could help revive Oxford's plans in the east. Combined, they would rival over-rail developments elsewhere, like Manhattan's yet-to-be-completed Hudson Yards.

Decking over the rail corridor would bridge Front St. and the downtown's most popular attractions — the Rogers Centre, CN Tower and Ripley's Aquarium along with the convention centre, which Oxford is looking to revitalize and expand to attract larger events.

"We're still very ambitious to come forward with a new convention centre on that site and working towards that end," Oxford CEO Blake Hutcheson told Torstar News Services.

As the city's proposal draws public praise following an announcement by Mayor John Tory Wednesday, the city's chief planner Jennifer Keesmaat noted on Twitter that Oxford's original proposal "planted the seed for the larger vision."

"There is something in the works that's very exciting for that portion of the corridor as well... But I can't speak to it publicly at this time," she said. "The notion of extending all the way through is absolutely the larger vision, that's absolutely the objective."

City staff will present a preliminary report on their 21-acre proposal to executive committee in September and to council in October.

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BIKE LANES

Cyclists fume over parking scofflaws

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

That didn't take long.

Less than two days after construction began on the new Bloor Street bike lanes, photos of drivers parked illegally in the new lanes began popping up on social media.

"When will the Bloor bike lane be enforced? There are cars parked everywhere," tweeted CarInTheBikeLane, a local Twitter account that tracks parking scofflaws.

Pics of drivers stopped in the lanes were also circulating on Reddit Thursday.

The lanes — which stretch from Shaw Street to Avenue Road — have been painted, but neither bollards or new signs have been installed.

Mike Layton, the Ward 20 councillor who championed the bike lane pilot, said he'll be asking for an enforcement blitz when the lanes are finished — likely by the end of next week, weather permitting.

Photos of cars parked illegally in the new lanes are popping up on social media. TWITTER

"Right now, we haven't changed any of the signs to give a clear indication that it's a bike lane," Layton said. "When the lanes are fully installed, that's when we need to take a stronger approach to enforcement."

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BLACK LIVES MATTER

Activists stand in solidarity

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Toronto's Black Lives Matter activists will join members of the local Somali community and other allies Friday at a vigil to remember Abdirahman Abdi.

The 37-year-old died last month following what witnesses described as a violent arrest by two Ottawa police officers.

Abdirahman Abdi THE CANADIAN PRESS

In a public notice posted on social media, Black Lives Matter Toronto said the event is about showing solidarity with Abdi's family and the community.

"For the last week, yet again, we have been in mourning. We have been in mourning because another life was taken from us at the hands of a police. The system continues to target us, criminalize us, brutalize us in hostility to our Blackness. To our Muslimness," the group wrote on Facebook.

The memorial takes place at Daniels Spectrum near Gerrard and Parliament, from 5 to 9 p.m.

IN BRIEF

University of Waterloo female faculty members to receive pay increase

Female faculty members at the University of Waterloo will receive a pay bump of almost $3,000 after an internal review revealed they are paid less than their male counterparts. The wage hike comes after a year-long investigation into salary inequities uncovered a "systemic gender anomaly" across the institution. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jermain Virgo

Jermain Virgo is organizing a Saturday cleanup at the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal but is not the leader of PoGO T.O. Rangers. The Rangers are a separate Facebook group that encourages Pokémon Go players to take care of public spaces. Information was incorrect on page 8 Thursday. METRO

Heat policy makes splash

WEATHER

Cooling centres will be open on the first day of 'extreme' alerts

Cooling centres will open on the first day of a heat alert, a policy improvement advocates had been calling for over the former three-day wait.

"This is a win. No doubt about that," said Cathy Crowe, nurse, poverty advocate and Ryerson professor, who had been among those calling for the change.

Last week, Crowe and others voiced concern over what vulnerable people suffer in Toronto's increasingly hotter climate. The former policy called for opening the cooling centres only once temperatures hit the official "extreme" heat of 31 C and stayed there for three days, prompting an extended heat warning.

On Wednesday, Toronto Public Health officials said it would reduce the requirement to a one-day wait, effective immediately.

Cool clean fun! Destiny Wright flies onto the Antarctica Penguin Slip and Slide made up of tarps covered with water and dish soap. The Antarctica station's penguin slide was the coolest station on a hot day. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

"I am absolutely delighted," said Coun. Joe Mihevc, chair of the city's board of health, who had worked with Coun. Joe Cressy and Coun. Kristyn Wong-Tam during the negotiations.

"How quickly that happened is really a testament to how hard staff and (activists) worked to get this done," Mihevc said, adding he hopes officials will take the threat of heat more seriously, in the way cold weather is understood.

> **We can look into better use of that money.**
> Coun. Joe Mihevc

"We're a cold climate. We're used to that," Mihevc said. "In the summertime, it's hot, and it's only getting hotter. We should be paying more attention to that…We have to prepare for the heat just as much as the extreme cold."

Crowe says the new guideline is a victory, even if there's still more to do.

"Of course, there's more to do. I would like to see meals and entertainment, as well as better transportation at the (cooling centres). They should feel like more of a place for people to actually relax and not just stay hydrated and cool."

Since 2012, Toronto's centres have been opened more than 20 times, most of those in the month of July and close to half in 2012. Some have suggested cost is a major limitation to opening the centres more often. Mihevc said having the centres open costs about $3,000 a day, and the annual budget is $30,000.

"There is no extra funding to my knowledge, but we can look into better use of that money," he said. "Squeeze as much of (the budget) out as we can and see where we go from there." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

PUBLIC TRANSIT

Byford not opposed to task force audit

The head of the TTC says he wouldn't oppose the mayor calling in a task force to examine the transit agency's finances, but he believes doing so would only confirm that he's doing everything possible to cut costs.

TTC CEO Andy Byford made the comments during an exclusive sit-down interview with Torstar News Service on Thursday. The day before, Mayor John Tory raised the prospect of asking an outside party to review the commission's books, after Byford wrote an internal memo warning that the cuts required to meet Tory and council's directive that all city departments cut their budgets by 2.6 per cent next year would be "unpalatable."

While Byford stated Thursday he thought that getting a second opinion would merely vindicate his leadership, he also said he hoped it wouldn't be necessary. "I would argue we are the task force," he said.

"I would be very confident that if a task force came in, they would find that we either have already done, are already doing, or have plans to do what they would recommend."

Byford stressed that he and the mayor are not feuding over the budget. But Byford rejected a comparison Tory made the day before that likened the TTC to the Toronto Police Service, which has sparred with successive administrations over attempts to cut its budget. In February Tory led a successful effort to form a task force to rein in police spending.

Andy Byford. NATHAN DENETTE/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

In total the TTC has identified an estimated $175 million in long-term savings that could be realized through such policies, Byford said, but they won't take effect in time for next year.

Tory is adamant there are more savings to be found as transit agency prepares its 2017 budget, citing a May auditor-general's report that found the commission had implemented just 14 of 53 cost-saving recommendations from previous audits. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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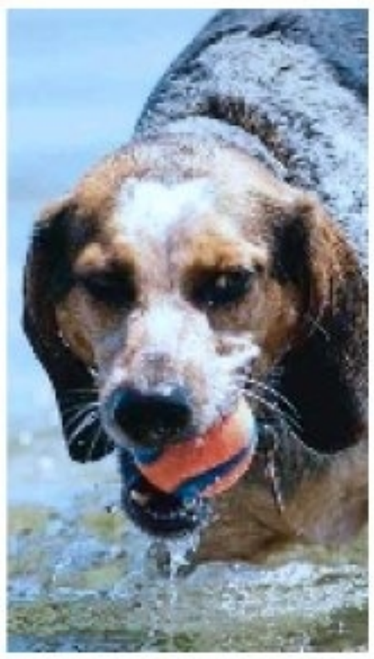
Life's a beach for Toronto canines

Panting pooches soak up summer along the west stretch of popular Cherry Beach. LIZ BEDDALL METRO

With temperatures soaring in the city, it's likely that Fido is looking for more than a fence and a field. Cherry Beach's off-leash dog park offers vast green space with a bonus of water designated especially for dogs. These were some of the pooches wagging in the waves on Friday.



"I come here every time I can. This is one of Toronto's highlights, as far as I'm concerned.
Donna Gollan, owner of Molly, a beagle coonhound mix

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Police respond to time-travelling cyborg sighting

"I'll be back," he said, and he surely meant it.

The Terminator made an appearance in Toronto on Wednesday night — and ended up in a gun scare.

At about 10 p.m., a woman called police about a man who appeared to be holding a shot gun near Grange Ave. and Augusta Ave.

The woman reported she was taking out the trash when she saw what she thought was a very tall man, his face bloodied, looking tough in his black jacket.

She tried to talk to him, but he wouldn't answer. The strong, silent type, just like a certain action hero.

Police treated it as a "Priority 1 call," a response of the utmost importance. Emergency fire services arrived with police, said Const. Allyson Douglas-Cook, a Toronto police spokeswoman.

After scouring the area, police found a still, silent man staring at a wall. They approached and determined the man was not human. It was an Arnold Schwarzenegger mannequin, dressed in full Terminator gear.

The actor played the indestructible cyborg character in five movies and three video games.

Police got into the spirit, sending a message to their dispatch, saying "units arrive, fake gun, terminator statue," said Const. Douglas-Cook, adding officers were most amused at the details the caller could give, all the while not noticing it was not a human she was describing.

"This incident is a reflection of the kind of demands Toronto police respond to every day. It is not uncommon where officers are left saying 'wow'… Sometimes I wish I can write a book."

No injuries were reported.

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Arnold Schwarzenegger as the Terminator. HANDOUT

Student from Toronto arrested in café attack

BANGLADESH

Tahmid Hasib Khan held but not charged

A University of Toronto student who had not been heard from since last month's restaurant attack in Bangladesh was arrested Thursday on allegations he was involved in the deadly siege carried out by radical Islamists.

Tahmid Hasib Khan, 22, a permanent resident of Canada, was arrested in the Bangladesh capital and a court has allowed police to keep him in custody for eight days for questioning, said a Dhaka police spokesman.

The Bangladesh English-language newspaper The Daily Star reported that Khan and a 47-year-old British national were arrested under a part of the Bangladeshi criminal code that allows police to arrest and detain a person without a warrant and without laying charges with court approval.

British national Hasnat Karim, centre left, and **University of Toronto student Tahmid Hasib Khan**, centre right, are taken to a court in Dhaka on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Five armed gunmen attacked the Holey Artisan Bakery restaurant on the night of July 1, killing 20 people and holding others inside hostage. Security forces stormed the restaurant on July 2, killing the gunmen and rescuing the remaining 13 hostages. Nine Italians, seven Japanese, three Bangladeshis and one Indian died.

Khan, 22, was known to have been inside the restaurant, but Bangladeshi authorities and police denied having him in custody after the attack. His family and New York-based Human Rights Watch had appealed for news about them and said the authorities were holding the men.

Khan's family asked Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on July 11 to intervene in the case of the young man, who is a permanent resident of Canada. The family said they don't know why Khan was being held, but insisted he had done nothing wrong.

His brother, Talha Khan, who is a Canadian citizen, sent a letter through a lawyer to Trudeau's office, seeking Ottawa's help in the case.

Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion's office said at the time that government officials had been in contact with Bangladesh officials regarding the status of a Canadian permanent resident and were monitoring the situation closely. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BACKGROUND

- Khan is an undergraduate student studying global health at the University of Toronto.
- He had travelled to Dhaka to visit family, with plans to go on to Nepal where he was to begin an internship last month.

'NATIONAL TREASURE'

World's media smitten with shirtless Trudeau

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Or as News.Mic put it, "Behold, the Shirtless Trudeau — one of Canada's most prized national treasures."

Time magazine and the BBC have now devoted space to how Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was photographed shirtless after emerging from a cave in Quebec's Gatineau Park.

The respected media outlets document the reactions of the Peterborough family of Jim and Arlene Lillie Godby and their children Alexander, 13, and Charlotte, 10, who recently stumbled upon the Trudeaus on Tuesday at Lusk Cave, near Ottawa.

The Godbys encountered Trudeau with his wife Sophie Grégoire Trudeau and their kids. The other Trudeaus were apparently shirted.

The BBC notes how the chance encounter at the marble cave drove Jim Godby to reflect on life.

"When you step out your front door, you never know what adventures await," Jim Godby wrote on Facebook.

Alexander Godby's selfie with Trudeau. COURTESY JIM GODBY

Time also records Torstar News Service's story, noting that Jim Godby had to make a quick decision when he saw Trudeau climbing out of the hole.

"It was like a 20-foot-wide round hole and Justin (Trudeau) emerged with his family in tow and said, 'This is the moment of truth; do we stop here or do we carry on?'" Godby told Torstar News Service.

"This anecdote contains hope for us all," exults digital magazine Slate. "The next time you see a cave, you should probably check to see if there is a hunky international statesman inside."

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Lawmakers bicker over Zika

HEALTH

U.S. official warns budget for virus is running out

As Zika escalates into a public health crisis and the number of mosquito-transmitted cases grows, Republicans and Democrats are pointing fingers over the failure by Congress to commit federal dollars to fight the virus.

Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell warned lawmakers on Wednesday that her Zika budget is running out quickly. Without more money soon, she said, the "nation's ability to effectively respond to Zika will be impaired."

Yet lawmakers left Washington in mid-July for a seven-week recess without approving any of the $1.9 billion requested by President Barack Obama in February to develop a vaccine and control the mosquitoes that carry the virus.

Abortion politics played a central role in the impasse.

A community worker at the Wynwood Community Service Center in Miami hands out a can of insect repellent to a local resident on Thursday. ALAN DIAZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Republicans angered Democrats by adding a provision to a $1.1-billion take-it-or-leave-it measure that would have blocked Planned Parenthood clinics in Puerto Rico from receiving money.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, writing in USA Today on Thursday, did not mention that provision in blaming Democrats for blocking the legislation. Their obstruction, according to Ryan, R-Wis., is "a blatant ploy in an election year."

Also Thursday, 47 Senate Democrats called on Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., to reconvene Congress and immediately address the Zika threat. They faulted GOP leaders for allowing "poison pill special-interest priorities" into the bill.

But McConnell has signalled he is in no rush to return.

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Aerial sprays target Miami mosquitoes

The head of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says aerial spraying of the insecticide naled is killing many mosquitoes in a Miami neighbourhood where the insects apparently transmitted Zika to 15 people.

Dr. Tom Frieden says aerial spraying that began Thursday quickly killed adult mosquitoes that pesticides on the ground couldn't reach.

Puerto Rico's governor wouldn't authorize naled's use because of environmental concerns, despite widespread Zika infections there. Frieden says minuscule amounts sprayed at dawn and dusk have no effect on people.

Frieden says Miami's infections were limited to a 500-square-foot area in the Wynwood neighbourhood. Gov. Rick Scott says a 10-block corner of the district has been cleared of active infections.

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U.S. ELECTION

Security briefings OK with Obama

U.S. President Barack Obama says Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton should receive classified security briefings as the presidential nominees because it's both tradition and required by the law.

He adds that he expects them to "start acting like a president" and keep them secret.

Obama had been asked during a Pentagon press conference whether he is concerned about Trump getting classified security briefings as the Republican presidential nominee.

Barack Obama THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama also said Trump's suggestion that the U.S. election process is rigged is "ridiculous." Trump said this week that elections are rigged after several states repealed laws that restricted the types of voter IDs that would be widely accepted at polling stations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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No letup in Aleppo

SYRIA

UN urges humanitarian pause in strife

A senior UN humanitarian official urged Thursday for an immediate pause to the fighting around Syria's contested city of Aleppo as government forces pounded opposition areas with airstrikes and rebels kept up their attempts to break a government siege.

In Geneva, Jan Egeland, adviser to the UN's special envoy to Syria, said the world body was ready to send relief to the city divided between government-controlled and opposition-controlled areas once the fighting pauses.

The last delivery to reach those trapped in rebel-held parts of Aleppo — where the UN estimates some 300,000 residents remain — was in June, he said.

Russia had declared it is offering humanitarian corridors for residents in the area, but rights groups said such passages are not neutral and don't offer guarantees to civilians wishing to use them.

Meanwhile, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported at least 40 airstrikes on opposition areas of Aleppo and nearby towns, including an attack on a camp for internally displaced Syrians in Atareb, a town to the southwest. The Aleppo Media Center, another activist group, said at least two people were killed in the Atareb attack.

The Syrian Civil Defence group said a followup attack on the camp wounded two of its volunteers, including one seriously. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS

Crane delivers aid to stranded Syrians

Cranes hoisted huge white bags with rice, lentils and dates from Jordan into tent camps on the Syrian side of a border berm — an unprecedented way of delivering UN aid to tens of thousands of displaced Syrians cut off from outside help for almost two months.

The three-day delivery to two makeshift encampments in a remote desert area ended Thursday, UN aid agencies said.

Relief over getting badly needed aid to the Ruqban and Hadalat camps was muted by concern over deteriorating conditions there. Some camp residents have dug holes for sleeping after selling flimsy shelters for scarce food and water, said a displaced Syrian, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of repercussions if he were to return home.

Aid agencies have said disease, malnutrition and dehydration are on the rise.

This week's shipment of 650 metric tons of food and hygiene kits was a one-off — Jordan has said it would bar future deliveries from its soil on security grounds.

Cranes drop food across the Jordan-Syria border on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The international community is scrambling for alternatives, but no viable option has emerged. Sending supplies from war-ravaged Syria appears risky, while UN officials say aid dropped by planes could end up in the wrong hands.

The number of Syrians stranded on the Jordanian border, awaiting entry, has grown to more than 75,000, according to UN figures. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Unidentified swimming object
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READY, SET GO: OLYMPIC TIMEKEEPING

By just 0.12 seconds, Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt surpassed his closest rival to reach the 100m-sprint finish line — and a new Olympic record — at the 2012 London games. And that wasn't considered anywhere near a squeaker. How can Olympic authorities measure time so precisely? There's a lot of technology involved.

1 To kick things off, a special **electronic gun** sends a signal towards **a camera, a clock** and **the blocks** where the runners stand ready.

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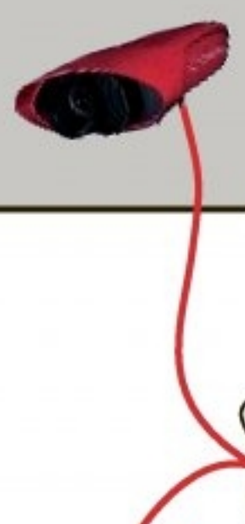

3 At the finish line, **a clock** measures runners' times according to the moment they interrupt a laser beam. That info is corroborated with images from **a camera that takes 10,000 pictures a second.**

TIMELY FACT

The most accurate timekeepers on earth are **atomic clocks**, which peg the time to the frequency of atomic transition (a change in the level of an electron) in an element such as cesium. One second equals 9,192, 631,770 transition cycles of Cesium-133. Atom clocks have been used to calibrate Olympic clocks.

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CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

Why is sweat so smelly?

Why does my sweat smell so bad? — Angela, Toronto

There's nothing noxious about sweat, per se. It's almost all salt and water.

We can thank our bacteria friends for that stinky B.O. aroma.

Your sweat contains traces of a number of different chemicals, including proteins, cholesterol, the building blocks of steroid hormones, and all sorts of fats.

The friendly bacteria living on your skin helpfully break these down for us. Unfortunately the results of that breakdown, which are vividly called 'volatile odorous products,' tend to smell pretty bad.

According to a 2011 paper in the International Journal of Cosmetic Science, although lots of different species live there, there's one main type of armpit-dwelling bacteria responsible for much of the stink: aerobic corynebacteria.

People with persistent BO often have more corynebacteria relative to other, less stinky ones, such as staphylococci (the neutral kind, not the nasty ones that cause skin infections and sepsis).

I learned something fun while researching the answer to this question. Did you know sweat produced in the armpits and groin is actually different from the sweat on the rest of your body?

Most of your skin is covered in eccrine glands, which secrete clear sweat that cools you off as it dries.

The underarms and groin have more apocrine glands, located in hair follicles. The sweat from those is oilier and slightly opaque, with more potentially stinky compounds. It's also the type secreted when you're under emotional stress.

Also, did you know the scientific word for armpits is **axillae**? You learn something new every day.

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LEGEND COMES TO LIFE
The Great Flood of Chinese mythology, traditionally dated before 2000 BCE, was the event that legendarily led to the founding of the Xia dynasty and Chinese civilization. Now, carbon dating of sediments and human remains published in the journal Science strongly suggests this prehistoric calamity was real. However, it took place around 1920 BCE.

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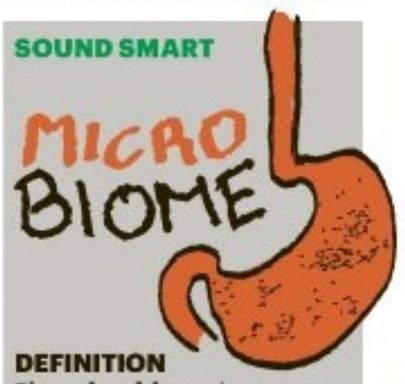

DEFINITION
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Jared Leto had some big shoes to fill in playing the joker. He's the third Oscar winner to take on the role following Jack Nicholson and Heath Ledger. CONTRIBUTED

Leto's performance was no joke

SUICIDE SQUAD

Actor stayed in character, scared co-stars

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

To prepare for his role in Suicide Squad, method actor Jared Leto went full Joker.

"I had to be committed beyond belief," he says. As the third Oscar winner to play The Joker, after Jack Nicholson and Heath Ledger, he said, "We knew we had to strike new ground. There had been such great work we knew we had to go in a different direction."

An adaptation of the DC Comics antihero series, Suicide Squad sees supervillains like El Diablo (Jay Hernandez) and Rick Flag (Joel Kinnaman) as well as Leto's Harlequin of Hate perform perilous black ops missions in return for clemency.

Director David Ayer describes it as a "comic-book version of The Dirty Dozen."

Leto immersed himself in the role to the point his cast mates didn't know where the actor ended and the Joker began. Jai Courtney said, "Let's put it this way. I haven't seen him, since we started working, out-of-character." Margot Robbie and Scott Eastwood, who is Leto's friend in real life, both say the actor's on-set behaviour scared them.

To create his take on the Clown Prince of Crime he mixed-and-matched influences from the Batman comic Arkham Asylum: A Serious House on Serious Earth along with shamans and Mexican cartels. "The Joker is fantastic because there are no rules," he says.

The only rule Leto subscribed to was to never break out of character, whether he was filming or not.

His conduct made headlines when it was reported that he gave the cast and crew some Joker-inspired presents. "He did some bad things, Jared Leto did," said co-star Viola Davis. "He gave some really horrific gifts."

Robbie, who plays the baseball bat-wielding villain Harley Quinn, received a love letter and a live rat in a black box. She kept the rodent, which she named Rat Rat, for the duration of the Toronto shoot because, "If Harley got something from Joker, she'd probably cherish it." When filming was complete Guillermo del Toro adopted the rodent renaming it Vestuniano.

Will Smith, who plays sharpshooter Deadshot, was also sent a letter accompanied by a bullet and Killer Croc portrayer Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje received a "used" Playboy magazine.

Leto's gift on the first day of shooting was an eye opener. He missed the first few days of filming, so to let everyone know he was thinking of them he sent over a dead hog and a video of the Joker.

"Basically, what he said was, 'Guys, I can't be there but I want you to know I'm doing my work as hard as you guys,'" Adam Beach said.

"The video he showed is in character. It blew our minds away."

Did his methods pay off? Seems so. Ben Affleck describes Leto's performance as "genius" and Ayer declares, "I think it's going to be hard for anyone to ever imagine anyone else as the Joker."

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

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David Ayer: Why it's good to be bad

SUICIDE SQUAD

Director waxes on the merits of fighting evil with evil

Suicide Squad's David Ayer isn't one to mince words — he apologized to his Marvel Comics rivals this week after playfully uttering a rude taunt — so his comparison of filmmaking to extreme surgery hardly surprises.

"It's like when you hack off a limb," the brawny writer/director says from a New York promotional stop.

"Just use a skin graft to fix it."

He's describing necessary reshoots for his made-in-Toronto DC Comics summer blockbuster, opening Friday, in which a band of supervillains fronted by Will Smith and Margot Robbie are called upon to do good, despite their worst instincts.

Pesky Internet rumours had it the reshoots were ordered by Warner Bros. suits to add more comedy to the villainy, after DC's dour Batman v. Superman disappointed while Marvel's rude Deadpool delighted earlier this year.

The rumours were FUBAR, to use an acronym an ex-U. S. navy man like Ayer, 48, would appreciate. He says the reshoots added action, not laughs.

"If you know about filmmaking, you can't just go and drop in jokes like hair plugs in a scalp. It doesn't work," he asserts.

"The tone of the movie is determined in principal photography on the set. And what happened was, the studio saw it, and they knew — suspected — that maybe we had something here. They just wanted it to be the best movie that it could be, so we rolled our sleeves up and added some action."

Like the task-oriented cops and soldiers of his previous films — he wrote Training Day, and wrote and directed End of Watch and Fury — Ayer approached Suicide Squad as a dirty job that somebody had to do right and that somebody was going to be him.

Margot Robbie, above, as Harley Quinn may play one of the marquee characters in Suicide Squad, but it's Viola Davis (below, inset) who steals the show with her lines. CONTRIBUTED

You've previously made films grounded in reality, like the tough streets of L.A. where you grew up or the historic battlefields of World War II. Was it hard to shift into pure fantasy?

I like to think I successfully split the baby, where you sort of get the wonder and spectacle and beauty and the tropes of a comic movie while at the same time doing what I love as a director: really focusing on characters and relationships and the performances by the actors.

That sentiment really comes through in the bar scene, also used in an early teaser, in which the Suicide Squad members bond over booze.

That scene is really why I wanted to make the movie. I imagined what it would be like to have these comic book supervillains in a very deep, realistic, well-acted and well-crafted dramatic scene, really opening up to each other, just like anybody in the real world does. I'm really proud of the work the actors did in that scene. I think they're on fire.

The notion of using evil to fight evil isn't completely fantasy, as you point out in the film. A character talks about the U.S. government collaborating with the Mafia to fight Hitler.

Yes, it's a complex world out there. Look, you take law enforcement and they use criminals to help them on cases all the time. And the U.S. government has definitely had to deal with some shady folks to get the job done.

Will Smith's Deadshot, Margot Robbie's Harley Quinn and Jared Leto's Joker grab the movie's marquee. But Viola Davis's tough U.S. government official Amanda Waller, who creates Suicide Squad's Task Force X, gets many of the best lines.

That's the thing. It's such a colourful, eclectic movie and cast, and yet she kind of steals every scene. She just becomes, in a lot of ways, the core of the movie. Viola has to control these supervillains and has to be almost tougher and scarier and more intense than any of them. It's amazing, because even though she's a government bureaucrat, she's also one of the most terrifying characters in the film.

There are quite a few laughs in the film, despite the grim subject matter and characters. But you've always had some comedy in even your most bleak movies.

Exactly. For me, to be entertaining, drama wears both a happy mask and a sad mask. It's not two sad masks. And when you look at these insane characters — I've got a crocodile running around and Harley Quinn swinging a baseball bat — you just have to enjoy the craziness of that and embrace it.

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THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

True nostalgia ... doesn't just toy with memory. It makes you melancholy for a time that you'll never get back

Stand By Me turned 30 last week: I remember that summer of '86 vividly: It was the summer my friend, her dog Princess, and I packed up some Red Hots and cold pops and hiked along the train tracks behind my house; the summer that my dad took me aside to tell me that the term "pussy," which I was using quite liberally — just like the four boys searching for a dead body in the Rob Reiner film — meant more than "scaredy-cat"; and it was the last summer that I just played, right up until the night before Junior High. That first day of Grade 7 I got a rude awakening. Somehow my peers received a memo that we were grown up now, only I didn't get it. I was 11. No wonder that the film, based on a novella by Stephen King, is steeped in nostalgia for me. And not for the 1950s, the time period in which the film is set, but for who I was when I first saw it. Same for the creators and cast, who spoke with Variety to compile an oral history commemorating the anniversary. "I do remember from the novel, a piece of information that's given away very early, is that Chris dies (as an adult)," Richard Dreyfuss, who played the film's narrator recalled about River Phoenix's character. "I think it's one of the ways that Rob improved on the story. You don't know that until the end and it breaks your heart."

Only that's not true. While Simon was at work on Sunday, I re-watched the film, which opens with Dreyfuss in a car parked along a country road holding a newspaper clipping. "Attorney Christopher Chambers Fatally Stabbed in Restaurant," the title reads.

Memory can be a funny thing, especially when you add nostalgia into the mix.

Take Stranger Things, the new eight-part sci-fi Netflix series that people my age can't stop watching. Not only does it reference Stand By Me — three boys wander on train tracks searching for their friend who's mysteriously disappeared — but the actors read lines from the film during their auditions.

And there's enough allusions to the work of Steven Spielberg — Jaws, E.T., Poltergeist, The Goonies — for a mini-retrospective. I silently observed them Sunday night, when Simon and I watched the first episode of the series, which takes place in a small town in Indiana in 1983: the year Simon was born. Maybe that's why he was far more interested in the wild blueberry tarts I'd made that afternoon — possibly inspired, now that I think of it, from Stand By Me's scene where "Lard Ass" triumphs during a blueberry pie-eating contest — than continuing with the show. So I had no choice but to finish Stranger Things by myself during a holiday Monday marathon. Yes, I was entertained. True nostalgia, from the Greek for "homecoming" and "pain," doesn't just toy with memory. It makes you melancholy for a time that you'll never get back.

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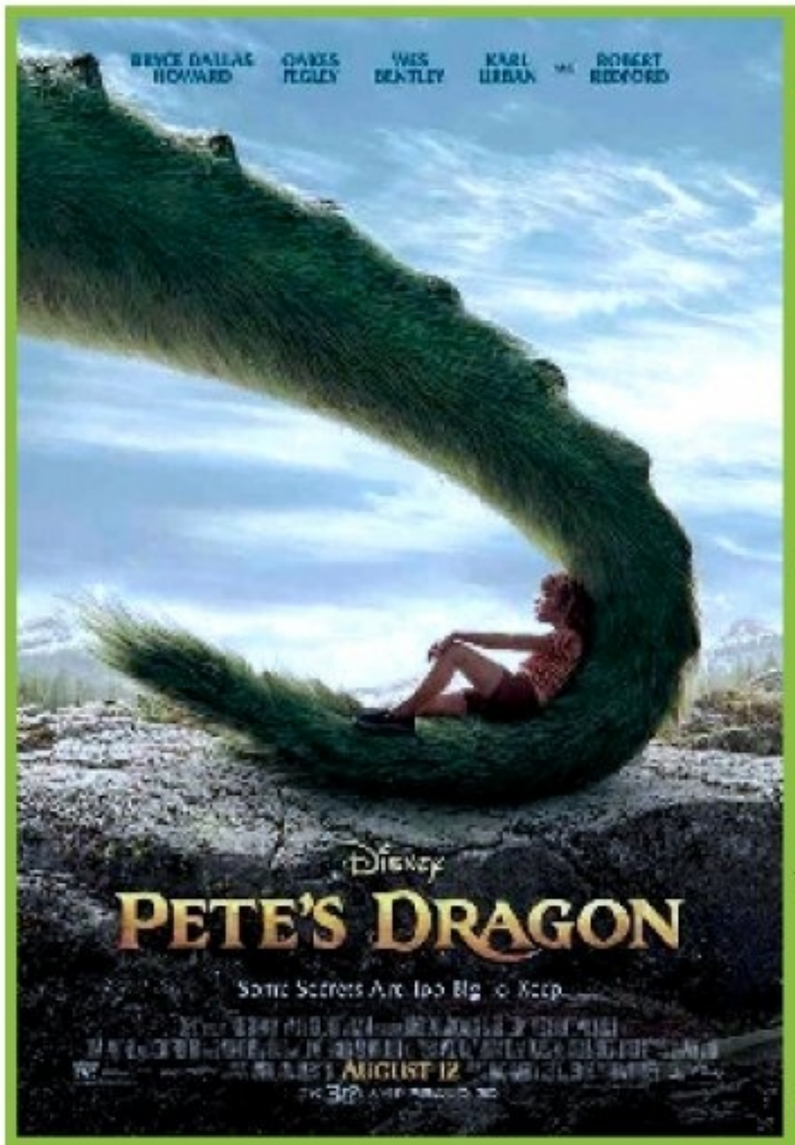

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Napa wineries go to the dogs

PETS

Love your dog? Love your wine, too? Enjoy both!

Jennifer Singer sits with her dog Redford, during a visit to HALL Wines in St. Helena, Calif. For those who love their dogs and their wine, there are now a number of Napa Valley wineries where you don't have to choose between the two. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There are now a number of Napa Valley wineries where you don't have to choose between raising and spending time with Fido. Here's a sampling of wineries that welcome humans and their (well-behaved, leashed) best friends.

• **HALL St. Helena** welcomes dogs year-round and in the fall they take the wine-canine connection a step farther with Harvest Hounds, a tasting with proceeds going to Napa Humane. Reservations not required for a tasting but are required for tours plus tastings.

• **Honig Vineyard & Winery** in Rutherford has three resident dogs and welcomes other, well-behaved, canines as visitors. In fact, the bestselling book in the tasting room is about winery dogs. Treats and water for all four-legged friends are provided. Tastings by appointment only.

• **Raymond Vineyards.** Dogs aren't just welcome at this St. Helena winery, they're feted. There's a dog "winery" dedicated to owner Jean-Charles Boisset's beloved French bulldog, named, aptly enough, Frenchie. People go inside and taste; dogs relax in outdoor shaded dog beds in the dog winery which has barrel furniture, canine portraits and a camera connected to a TV in the tasting room so owners can keep an eye on them.

• **V. Sattui Winery** in St. Helena allows dogs on leash in the tasting rooms and picnic grounds. The winery also hosts an annual "Pamper your Pooch" day in May where dogs get free treats and their humans are encouraged to post pictures of the visit.

• **St. Supery Estate Vineyards & Winery** in Rutherford has treats for your dog, and the winery's outdoor patio is a great place to kick back with your favourite canine. Who knows? You may well meet "GG," winery top dog and resident CCO (Chief Cuddle Officer). Reservations not required but are recommended.

• **Odette Estate** allows leashed dogs in outdoor tasting areas. The estate features an open patio with cushioned benches and a fire pit. By appointment only. Odette Estate's sister wineries, CADE on Howell Mountain and PlumpJack in Napa, also allow leashed dogs in their outdoor tasting areas.

• **Trefethen Family Vineyards** had to temporarily deny access to guests of the four-legged variety after damage from the 2014 earthquake forced the tasting room into temporary quarters. But the popular Rutherford winery recently welcomed dogs back with the opening of "Villa Trefethen," once home to vineyard founders Katie and Gene Trefethen, now hosting tastings in the salon, sunroom and on the deck. Reservations are required to visit the villa, but if it's midweek you can usually get in on the same day.

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IF YOU GO

You can find a list of dog-friendly wineries at napavintners.com

5 ISLANDS TO VISIT NEAR GREECE AND TURKEY

The Aegean Sea — an arm of the Mediterranean between Greece and Turkey — brings to mind the whitewashed, blue-domed buildings of Santorini or the party scene of Mykonos. While they're stunners, they're also jam-packed with tourists. So you might want to consider the road — or, in this case, the sea — less travelled. The best way to explore some of the lesser-known isles of the Aegean is on a small ship that goes where large cruisers can't go and airplanes don't fly. VAWN HIMMELSBACH/FOR METRO

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1 Ios

If you're looking for a party scene, head to Ios (and even if you're not, head here anyway — you can find long stretches of sandy beach that are quiet during the day while everyone else is sleeping off a hangover). Only 500 people live here year-round; the whitewashed old town is perched on a hilltop, with narrow paths and stairs that make it inaccessible to cars. Head out of town on the island's only road, which winds its way over the rugged, mountainous terrain, and you'll discover isolated beaches such as Manganari — along with 365 churches sprinkled throughout the island.

2 Samos

Most travellers bypass Samos, thinking of it as a stopover on the way to the Turkish resort town of Kusadasi. But this lush, forested isle has it all: ancient sites, tropical beaches and sweet local wine. It's the legendary birthplace of Hera, wife of Zeus, and here you'll find significant archaeological sites including the Ionian-style Temple of Hera and Pythagoreion, an ancient aqueduct considered the "eighth wonder of antiquity."

3 Milos

If you're looking for surreal, otherworldly landscapes — and some of the coolest swimming holes on the planet — head to Milos. Located in the Cyclades, this island literally rose out of the sea, thanks to earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions. The best way to see it? Hire a sailing boat for the day and circumnavigate the island, stopping to swim in crystal-clear water beneath cliffs and caves. On land, head to Sarakiniko, a moonscape made of piercing-white volcanic ash, with a swimming hole set amongst the dramatic rock formations. Bring your camera; you're going to want to Instagram this place.

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4 Kos

If you're a foodie, head to Kos. This Greek isle is greener than some of its rocky neighbours, thanks to a system of underground springs — which also makes it ideal for the production of olive oil, honey and wine. Head to Zia, considered the most traditional village on the island — which also happens to have the best views, at 400 metres above sea level — to buy local olive oil, sample cinnamon liqueur and sip thick, syrupy Greek coffee. Then head to Hatziemmanouil Vineyards for award-winning Syrah from this multi-generational family winery and pick up thyme honey from local beekeepers in the village of Kefalos.

5 Cesme

If you're looking for the VIP beach club experience, head to Cesme. This coastal town along the Turkish Riviera is a popular holiday resort, with boutique hotels, high-end shopping and VIP beach clubs, like Sole & Mare (picture crisp-white loungers and bean-bag chairs shaded by beach umbrellas). While it's the place to see and be seen, the town itself is drenched in history (it marked the end of the ancient Silk Road) and is known for its thermal baths, surfing and vineyards.

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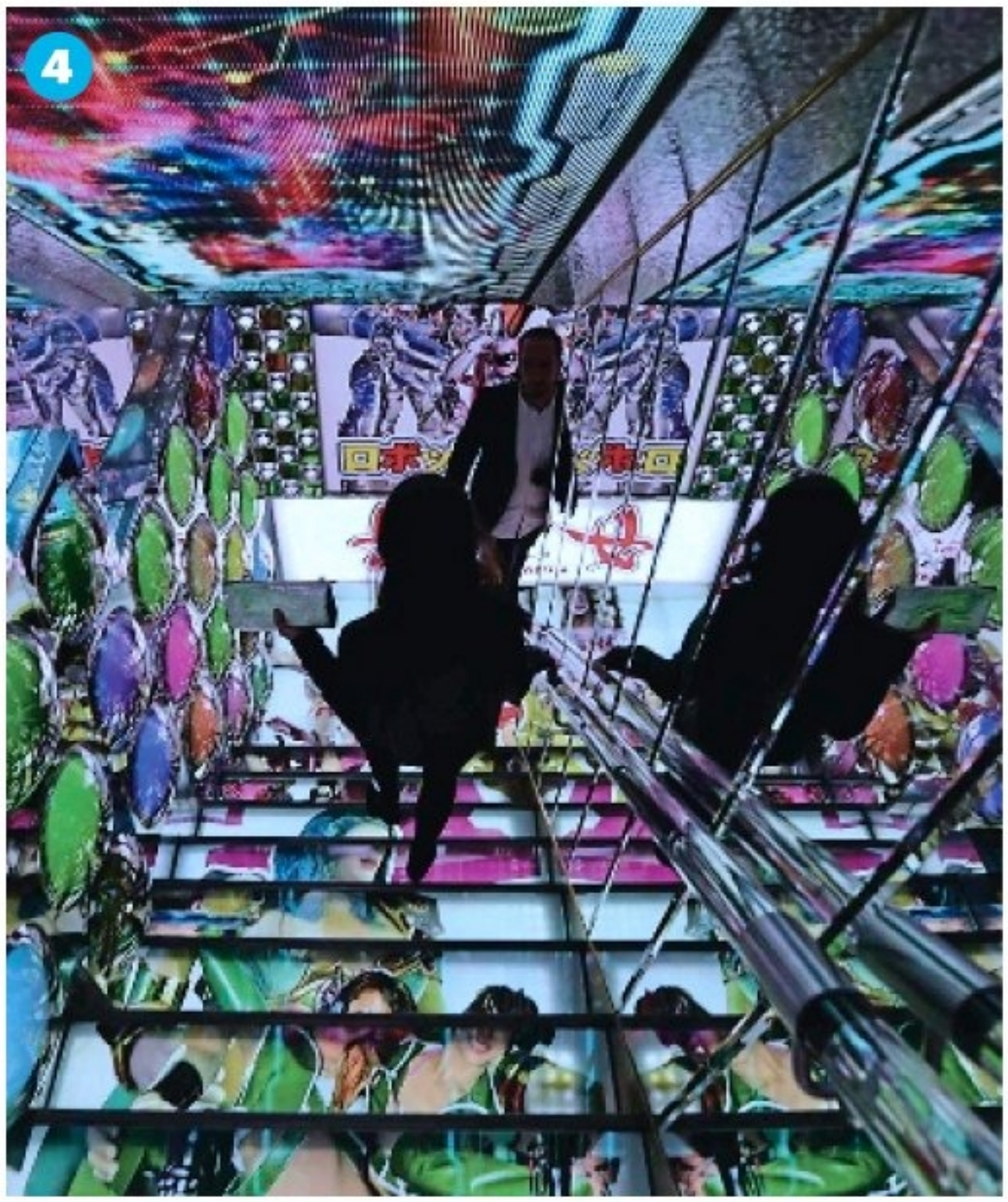

Domo arigato, Tokyo

Despite the numerous problems that have plagued Rio, the games are nonetheless getting underway and visitors will be taking in all the city has to offer from the beaches of Ipanema to the wildlife of Tijuca National Park.

Four years from now, when Tokyo takes over as host, visitors can expect a very different experience. A trip to the popular Robot Restaurant demonstrates just how drastically different it can be.

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1 Location — Nestled in the heart of the Shinjuku district, the Robot Restaurant is more of a show than an actual dining establishment. And while it is certainly not the greatest show on earth, it has become a staple of the city's weird and is definitely worth a visit.

2 The show — Once the show begins, an array of robots for which this place is so aptly named will take the stage and you will be immersed in a new world, one only a place like Tokyo could dream up. While the shows do change from time to time, you can expect to see anything from robotic sharks and dinosaurs to large and equally creepy robotic clowns.

3 Round two — Before you can make sense of what's unfolded in front of you, a feat you will ultimately not be able to achieve, it is intermission. Grab a snack from the equivalent of a ring girl at a boxing match and prepare for the next round of robots. A couple more acts and this strange experience has come to an end.

4 The experience — Promising to be both terrible and amazing at the same time, the Robot Restaurant is a place unlike any other, a place that will make you scratch your head and ask why. But ultimately, it is a place that can provide you with that quintessential Tokyo experience. And if it is any indication of Tokyo's ability to put on a show, the 2020 games are sure not to disappoint.

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President of the Canadian Olympic Committee Tricia Smith was elected as a member of the International Olympic Committee Thursday

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The opening ceremony of any Olympic Games aims to showcase the culture and achievements of the host country. Metro explains five cultural references you're likely to see:

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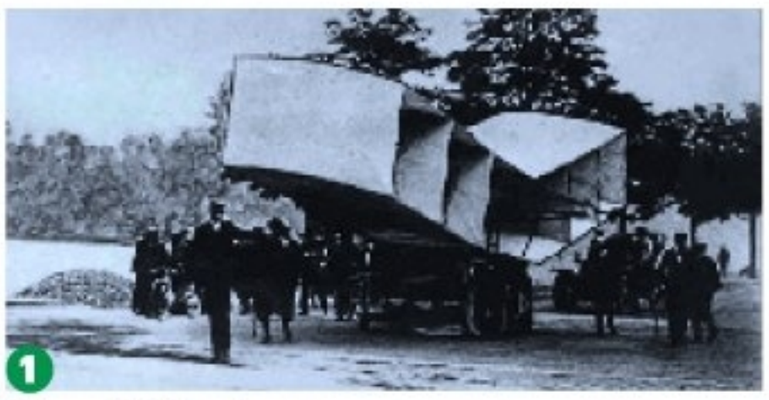

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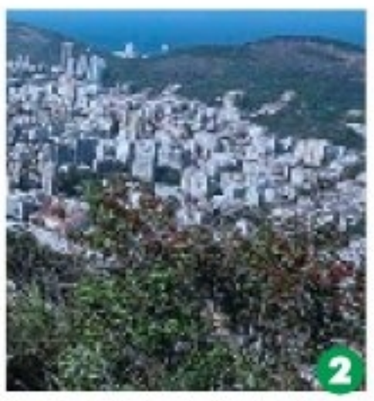
Brazil's father of aviation

Ask any Brazilian who invented the airplane and they'll say it was Alberto Santos-Dumont, not the Wright Brothers. The Brazilian was living in France when in 1906 he flew the first powered heavier-than-air craft, the 14 Bis. He flew it around the Eiffel Tower to win a Europe-wide contest. The Wright Brothers, by contrast, flew their craft in 1903, but used a launching rail. Expect to see a replica of the 14 Bis during the opening ceremony and a tribute to Santos-Dumont.



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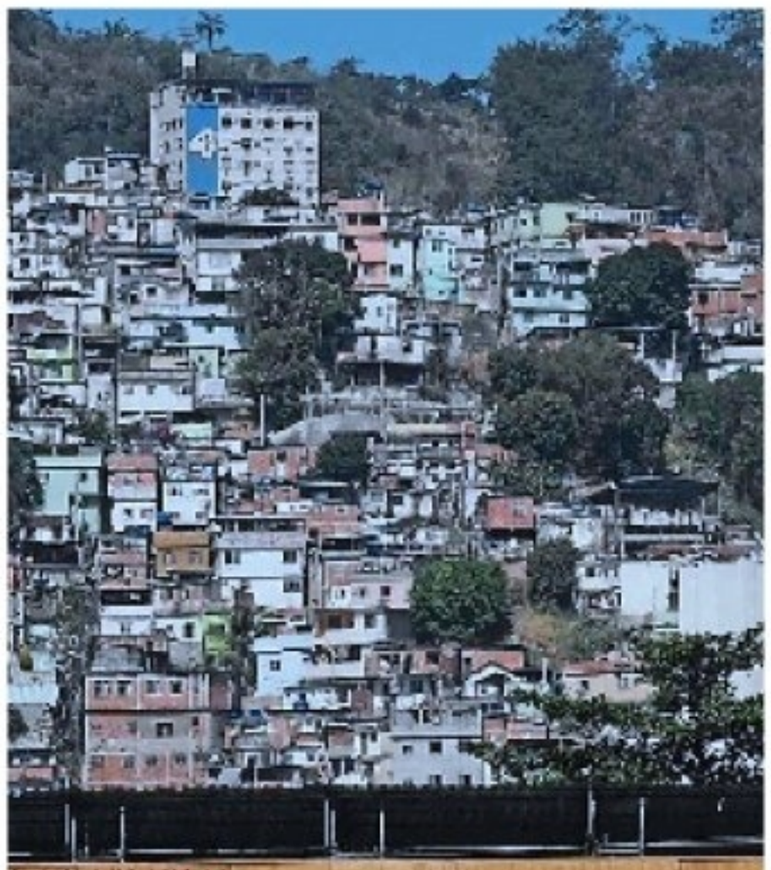
Floresta da Tijuca

Tijuca Forest is the world's largest urban forest and home to hundreds of species of animals and plants, including endangered and those only found along Brazil's Atlantic Coast. Brazilians are proud of their fauna and flora and those are likely to be showcased Friday. The forest also contains a number of Rio's landmarks, including the statue of Christ the Redeemer and a peak popular with hang gliders called Pedra da Gavea.

4

"Marvellous City"

Rio de Janeiro's nickname is "Cidade Maravilhosa" — the marvellous city. It's also the title of a song that has become Rio's official anthem. Written in 1935, it's an ode to the city's natural beauty, although it never mentions Rio by name.



Favelas 3

Yes, nestled within the sandy beaches and incredibly wealthy neighbourhoods of Rio de Janeiro are several slums, locally known as favelas. They're as much a part of the city as the luxury apartments lining Copacabana and Leblon beaches, and they're likely to be a part of the opening ceremonies. One of Rio's favelas was popularized in the 2002 movie, City of God.

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Copacabana's sidewalk

One of the iconic images of Rio is the four-kilometre long sidewalk of Copacabana beach. It was completed in 1970 and each stone that makes up the world-famous mosaic pattern was placed by hand, making every section of the sidewalk different. Most stones are black or white representing the white Europeans and black African slaves who colonized Brazil with pockets of red stones representing the indigenous people who were displaced by the newcomers.

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RIO days to dial in for

With nearly three weeks of events before you, it's hard to know which Canadian athletes to watch and when to catch them. But the following five days are worth clearing your schedule for.

SUNDAY: Canada's first medal could come in women's synchronized diving, on the three-metre springboard (3 p.m. ET). Jennifer Abel and Pamela Ware are ranked fourth in the world and won silver at both the diving World Cup in February and the world championships in 2015.

Jennifer Abel

FRIDAY, AUG. 12: Trampoline gymnast and Canada's flag bearer for Friday's opening ceremony, Rosie MacLennan, pictured above, was the only Canuck to earn gold at London 2012. She's been dealing with injuries over the last year but is currently back on the rise and hoping to peak at just the right time (2:40 p.m., final).

Andre De Grasse

SATURDAY, AUG. 13: Come for the men's 100-metre heats (8:30 and 11 a.m.), stay for the Canadian medal possibilities. Usain Bolt, pictured below, and Canuck competitor, Andre De Grasse, kick off one of the prestige events Saturday, racing for their spots in Sunday's final. Canada also has a good shot at a few medals on the day, with the women's eight rowing team (10 a.m.), swimmer Ryan Cochrane (9 p.m.) and Brianne Theisen-Eaton, a gold-medal hopeful in heptathlon (9:50 p.m.).

If you miss Bolt and De Grasse on Aug. 13, don't fret: after the 100-metre final Sunday, they will both be back for the 200-metre culminating in an Aug. 18 final.

TUESDAY, AUG. 16: Adam Van Koeverden, 34, and Mark Oldershaw, 33, will both paddle their way through their final Olympic races Aug. 16, when they compete in the kayak and canoe sprints, respectively. Van Koeverden, the most decorated Canadian paddler, will go for his fifth Olympic medal in his last race, the 1000-metre kayak single. He won bronze and a gold in 2004, silver in 2008 and silver in 2012. Oldershaw is looking to add to the canoe single bronze he won in 2012.

Mark Oldershaw

SATURDAY, AUG. 20: Canada is a contender for five medals through five events on the penultimate day of the Games. Athletes to watch include Brooke Henderson in the final round of women's golf; the women's basketball team, which could play for gold, silver or bronze; Mandy Bujold in boxing; Catharine Pendrel in mountain biking; and Melissa Bishop in the women's 800-metre track final. If the Canadian team wants to reach the 19-medal goal its Olympic committee set at the beginning of the Games, its female athletes will need to come up big toward the end of competition.

Brooke Henderson

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Yankees manager Joe Girardi says he doesn't know when benched Alex Rodriguez, who has started once since July 22, will play again

More Russians earn a late, late reprieve

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Final total of 271 competitors will take part in spite of scandal

IOC President Thomas Bach. GETTY IMAGES

The IOC approved the entry of 271 Russian athletes for the Rio de Janeiro Olympics on Thursday, meaning 70 per cent of the country's original team will compete in the games after the scandal over state-sponsored doping.

Also Thursday, the IOC's rule barring Russian athletes with prior doping sanctions from competing in the Games was rejected as "unenforceable" by an Olympic sports arbitration panel. The International Olympic Committee announced the go-ahead for 271 Russian athletes on Thursday night, about 24 hours before the opening ceremony of the games.

IOC president Thomas Bach recently rejected calls from anti-doping organizations to ban Russia's entire team following a report by a World Anti-Doping Agency investigator that detailed evidence of state-directed doping and coverups.

Instead, the IOC asked international federations to examine each individual Russian athlete to determine if they should be eligible to compete. The IOC set up a panel of three executive board members to make the final call, taking into account the advice of an independent sports arbitrator.

After the review, the IOC declared in Thursday's statement: "271 athletes will form the team entered by the Russian National Olympic Committee from the original entry list of 389 athletes."

Russian Olympic Committee president Alexander Zhukov told reporters earlier that 271 of his country's athletes had been cleared.

"We have good news for the fans of the Russian Olympic team," he said. "The majority of the sports have been admitted in full."

Several international federations announced separately Thursday that they had received the final approval for Russian entries in their events, including boxing, judo, equestrian, volleyball and golf.

Russia's track and field team remains barred following an earlier decision by the IAAF.

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NO GOLDEN GOALS NEYMAR OFF TO A SLOW START Brazil star Neymar reacts after missing a chance in the men's Olympic football tournament opener against South Africa in Brasilia. The host nation struggled to break down their rivals as a tight game finished 0-0. ERALDO PERES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blue Jays pitcher Aaron Sanchez will be staying in the rotation for the time being. FRED THORNHILL/THE CANADIAN PRES

MLB

Sanchez will stick around as a starter

Aaron Sanchez isn't going anywhere.

The Toronto Blue Jays right-hander will remain in the team's starting rotation — which will be expanded to six pitchers — for the foreseeable future, according to general manager Ross Atkins.

"What I think is the most likely scenario is that he stays in the rotation for some time to come," Atkins told reporters in Houston prior to Toronto's series finale with the Astros.

Atkins and the rest of the Blue Jays front office have maintained all season that the 24-year-old Sanchez would move to the bullpen at some point this year to help preserve his arm.

Sanchez, who was moved to the bullpen following the MLB all-star break last year, has been dominant for Toronto this season, going 11-1 with a 2.71 earned-run average in 21 starts. He's also struck out 118 and maintained a 1.13 WHIP (walks and hits per inning pitched). His strong first half of the season earned him his first all-star nomination.

"I think what changed for us, a couple of things: input from more people, one of those people being Francisco Liriano, who was open to anything and everything," Atkins said. "That opened things up for us to think about things differently. And then talking to Aaron about it and how strongly he felt about staying in the rotation, fortunately we're in a situation where we're able to do it."

The Blue Jays acquired Liriano from the Pittsburgh Pirates during Monday's non-waiver trade deadline for pitcher Drew Hutchison. The left-handed Liriano, who is 6-11 with a 5.46 ERA this year, is scheduled to start Friday night against Kansas.

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Westbrook's ready to stand on his own

NBA

All-Star signs huge extension, now leads OKC without Durant

Russell Westbrook is now the undisputed superstar in Oklahoma City next season. NOAH GRAHAM/NBA VIA GETTY IMAGES

A month after Kevin Durant broke Oklahoma City's heart, Russell Westbrook has reaffirmed his desire to stay with the Thunder.

The team confirmed Thursday that Westbrook had signed a contract extension. A person with direct knowledge of the terms said the two sides had agreed on a new three-year deal worth $85.7 million.

"I am grateful to extend my contract with the Thunder and continue to play with the only organization that I have played for and have loved being a part of since I was drafted into the NBA," Westbrook said in a statement. "I'm really excited about moving forward with this group of guys and continuing to play in front of the best fans in the world."

The 27-year-old Westbrook is one of the top stars in the NBA and piled up 18 triple-doubles last season, tying Magic Johnson for the most in the last 30 years. The five-time All-Star averaged 23.5 points, 7.8 rebounds and 10.4 assists last season as the Thunder reached the Western Conference finals, in which they lost in seven games to the Golden State Warriors after jumping to a 3-1 series lead.

For his entire career, Westbrook had been paired with a fellow superstar in Durant and together they turned Oklahoma City into a perennial NBA title contender. The Thunder have reached the conference finals in four of the past six seasons, but advanced to the NBA Finals only once, falling to the Miami Heat in 2012.

Durant became a free agent at season's end and announced on July 4 that he would sign with Golden State instead of staying with the Thunder and Westbrook.

In Rio de Janeiro, where he is part of the U.S. men's Olympic team, Durant said he wouldn't immediately be reaching out to Westbrook to discuss his decision to stay in Oklahoma City.

"Nah, that's a touchy deal," Durant said. "At some point, we'll sit down and talk. But I don't know when."

Asked if he was happy for Westbrook, Durant said he was.

"I'm happy to see any player in this league do whatever they want to do," Durant said. "It's good for him, man. It's good for his family.

"It's good for the people in Oklahoma City that love to watch him play and love to have him on their team."

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NFL

Broncos unsure of post-Peyton plans

The Denver Broncos knew Peyton Manning was the unquestioned starter entering the last four training camps.

A week into this year's camp, the reigning Super Bowl champions haven't named a No. 1 guy, and the battle to be the starter will likely continue at least through the first pre-season game at Chicago on Aug. 11.

Mark Sanchez hasn't put distance between himself and Trevor Siemian and rookie Paxton Lynch. All three have been inconsistent, following good stretches with some poor play.

"They're all doing good stuff and then there's struggles at times," coach Gary Kubiak said after Thursday morning's practice.

"It's very, very competitive. I want to put a number of throws on each one of them (against the Bears). That's going to have a lot to do with a decision."

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IN BRIEF

Home comfort for Kelly
Jerry Kelly played off the emotion of what he considers a home crowd Thursday in the Travelers Championship, shooting a 6-under 64 for a share of the lead with Vaughn Taylor and Andrew Loupe. Kelly played at the nearby University of Hartford. The biggest galleries watched U.S. Olympians Bubba Watson (67), Matt Kuchar (69) and Patrick Reed (70). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hammers' moving-in party
West Ham kicked off a new era with a comfortable 3-0 win over Slovenia's NK Domzale in its first match at the Olympic Stadium on Thursday, securing a place in the Europa League playoffs. The Hammers overturned a first leg 2-1 deficit, with Senegalese midfielder Cheikhou Kouyate notching two first-half goals and new signing Sofiane Feghouli adding a late third. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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RECIPE Eggs with Mushrooms

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

If you've got eggs in the fridge, dinner is only ever a few minutes away. Just add some sliced mushrooms, a bit of grated cheese and you've got an easy, light meal.

Ready in
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Serves: 2

Ingredients
- 2 Tbsp butter
- 2 cups sliced mushrooms
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 3/4 tsp fresh thyme (maybe 1/2 tsp if you're using dried)
- 1/2 cup Fontina cheese, grated
- 2 eggs
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F.

2. In a small-ish, oven-safe pan, melt your butter over medium heat. Add the garlic, mushrooms and thyme. Allow the mushrooms to soften for about 3 minutes.

3. Sprinkle the grated cheese evenly across the mushrooms.

4. Now crack the eggs, side by side, over all of it. Slide the pan right into a hot oven. Ten minutes will give you firm whites and slightly runny yolks. Eggs are a very personal business so keep an eye on them! Serve with warm, buttered toast.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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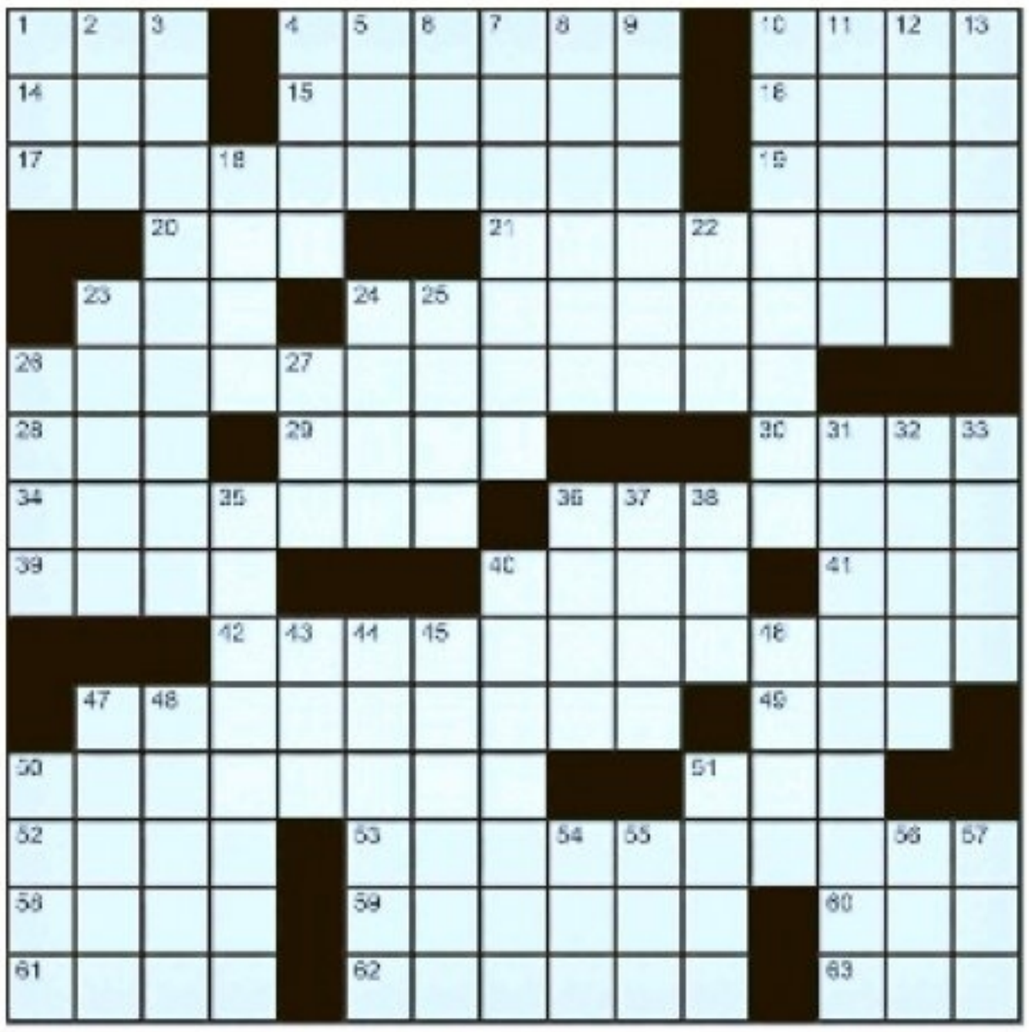

ACROSS
1. The _ (Nickname of Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak)
4. Peter of "The Lion in Winter" (1968)
10. Rock band, with Bon
14. 'Friend' in Paris
15. 'Back to _': James Blunt album
16. Metamorphoses poet
17. Sternwheeler ship attraction in Whitehorse, _-_-_ National Historic Site of Canada
19. Treason, _ majesty
20. Yachter's 'yes'
21. Norfolk's state
23. Caesar's 106
24. Most like Ebenezer
26. 'Royal' inlet in Nunavut: 2 wds.
28. "Days of _ Lives"
29. Winged
30. '60s band for Irish singer Van Morrison
34. Most often
36. Medieval battle weapon
39. Dick Tracy's beloved
40. Floating marker on the water
41. Fixed, as a date
42. Toronto's outdoor concert venue since 1995, Molson Canadian _
47. Aubergines
49. Verify a Vice Presidential pick
50. Type of baseball throw
51. Blokes
52. Fred Flintstone's 'fido'
53. Doing the work of Gilligan's best friend, say
58. Almond hue
59. _ tasks (Chores of drudgery)
60. Uniondale-based NHL team [acronym]
61. Component of choreography
62. Money: French
63. Collective Soul tune

DOWN
1. Occurred
2. Mantric syllables
3. Olympic athlete's dropping-out-of-Rio reason: 2 wds.
4. Double-reed woodwind
5. Downing Street number
6. Unpaired
7. French actor Mr. Martinez
8. Wayne Gretzky when he was a hockey player, e.g.: 2 wds.
9. Crop up
10. Happy-sounding city northeast of Montreal
11. GE products
12. Sojourn
13. Thought
18. Eagles hit: "_ Eyes"
22. _ rummy
23. Earthenware jar
24. Hawk
25. Cafeteria order holder
26. Sulk
27. Low-_ (Diet food)
31. Hurrying
32. Overwork
33. Apportion
35. Together, like teams: 3 wds.
36. Golf tap
37. Aahs cousins
38. Caustic solution
40. Book's construction part
43. US speedometer meas.
44. TV type
45. Yearn
46. Declare with conviction
47. Force the tenants from the property
48. Category
50. John Keats works
51. Be an ice cube, do this in the sun
54. _ chart
55. Chef's need
56. Bill 'The Science Guy' _
57. Canadian country singer Mr. Grand

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a positive, happy day at work. Many of you will have work-related travel or opportunities to talk to people from other cultures and different countries.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
It's Friday, and this is a fun-loving day! Enjoy a long lunch hour if you can. Accept all invitations to party, and enjoy sports events and playful times with children.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is an excellent day to explore real-estate deals. It's also a good day to buy things for your home or for a family member. Many of you will entertain at home as well. Enjoy!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You're in such a positive frame of mind today that everyone will want to see your face. Enjoy schmoozing with others, especially siblings and relatives.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a good day for business and commerce. Look for ways to boost your income or get a better job. You feel hopeful about your financial future.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is a positive day for you, because the Moon is lined up with lucky Jupiter. This makes you sympathetic to others as well as generous.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Your concern for those who are less fortunate is genuine today. If you can help someone, you will. (Consider this a rewarding opportunity for yourself as well.)

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will enjoy the company of friends and groups today, because people are in such a positive frame of mind. You especially will enjoy working with charitable organizations.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You make a great impression on bosses and VIPs today. Because of this, you might want to ask for a favor or for approval for something.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Travel of any kind will appeal to you today, because you want to expand your horizons. You're also hungry for knowledge and have a sense of adventure.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is an excellent day to benefit from the wealth and resources of others. People might give you gifts or do favours for you. You also can benefit indirectly through your partner.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Relations with partners and close friends are warm and cozy today. You feel fortunate to have these people in your life.

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